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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004 (Paper No. 5). The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by September 16, 2004. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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